

**In the specification:**

**Page 13, amend line 13 of the first paragraph thereon as follows:**

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Figs. 15, 16 and 17 illustrate a second embodiment of the present head 300, as shown in Fig. 17, and its method of making. The write head 300 is similar to the write head in Figs. 14 and 14A and shows the aforementioned second pedestal 302 of the first pole piece and the back gap pedestal 304 of the second pole piece. It can be seen that these two pedestals are magnetically connected at the back gap and that the yoke 216 is magnetically connected to the pedestal 304. A first difference in the write head 300 is that an insulation layer 306, such as baked photoresist, is formed on top of the insulation layer 212 and extends into the stitch region 234 of the second pole tip. The insulation layer 222 in Fig. 14 may now be omitted. More importantly, however, is that the insulation layer 306 provides a profile which elevates the stitch region of the second pole tip into a pedestal which is shown at 234 upon the plating of the second pole tip 214. The write gap layer ~~220~~ 228 is located between the P1 pedestal and the second pole tip 214 and may extend over the insulation layer 306 if desired.